

Fidel Opens Door A Bit

Cuban Anti-Hijack Signal Welcomed

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are very encouraged by a strong Cuban signal on opening negotiations toward ending aircraft hijacking, but they emphatically deny this could lead to a normalization in relations.

The Cuban signal came Wednesday in a broadcast from Havana, saying "the government of Cuba is willing, and without delay, to take such steps which might lead to the adoption of a broad agreement" on hijacking.

Even before this broadcast was monitored in Washington,

State Department spokesman Charles W. Bray told newsmen, "We do have the impression now that there may now be a basis for reopening negotiations" on the issue.

Bray described the impression as based on unspecified "straws in the wind" as seen in previous actions and statements by Premier Fidel Castro's government following two recent hijackings of U.S. airliners to Cuba.

But the broadcast set off what officials said was "great excitement" among U.S. Cuban experts because the Castro

government has not shown any previous willingness to negotiate the hijacking situation.

From the American viewpoint, the obstacle to past efforts to reach an accommodation on hijacking prevention was Havana's demand that the United States return Cubans who fled to this country.

In the Wednesday broadcast, Havana criticized past American policy concerning Cuban emigration and acts by anti-Castro elements based in the United States, but it did not re-

peal the demand for extradition of "illegal Cuban emigrants." This omission was seen by some U.S. experts as indicating the seriousness of the Cuban proposal.

But, they cautioned strongly against any speculation that this development would lead to broader discussions of general bilateral problems.

Cuba, one official said, doesn't want to be known as a haven

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Angry Pilots May Strike Over Safety

Airlines Also Worried About Hijackings

WASHINGTON (AP) — With their lives menaced by hijackers and their command authority challenged by tactics of the FBI, the nation's airline pilots are contemplating a new worldwide protest suspension of air service.

Spokesmen for both the pilots and their airlines welcomed the prospect of negotiations between the United States and Cuba to curb hijacking, but the pilots expressed the view that only a worldwide strike would force all governments to crack down on air piracy.

"I don't think we have any alternative to another worldwide strike," said John J. O'Donnell, president of the Air Line Pilots Association.

The first such demonstration, a 24-hour shutdown last June 19, was only partially effective in the United States because the airlines obtained court orders against it.

This time, O'Donnell told a news conference Wednesday, the airlines have indicated through their industry organization, the Air Transport Association, that they might cooperate in an effective shutdown.

But Stuart G. Tipton, ATA president, denied that the industry had given any such assurance.

O'Donnell said the ALPA board would meet within less than two weeks to consider closing air commerce as a means of inducing governments to take stronger measures against hijacking—such as providing more money for security personnel and equipment, and guarantees of swift punishment for air pirates.

"If it was in my power alone, I would shut down America's air industry until such time as the proper guarantees for safety to passenger and crew were made by the federal government," O'Donnell said.

Earlier, in a letter to President Nixon, O'Donnell urged that the United States take the initiative in trying to negotiate an antihijack accord directly with the Cuban government, be-

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THREATENS AIR STRIKE: John J. O'Donnell, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, tells a Washington news briefing Wednesday that he believes a worldwide strike was the only alternative left to the pilots to protest governmental inaction against hijackers. He criticized the FBI's shooting the tires of a DC9 as it attempted to take off from Orlando, Fla., last week. (AP Wirephoto)

Student Killed; Motorist Jailed

Three Oaks Boy Hit By Car After Leaving Bus

THREE OAKS — A sixth grade school student was struck and killed by a car as he got off a school bus in front of his home near here yesterday afternoon.

State police at New Buffalo said the boy, Brian Merich, 11, was crossing US 12 in front of

the bus when the car struck him hurling his body 100 feet.

Police said the stop lights on the bus were in operation at the time.

Linda Acker, 22, of Michigan City, Ind., driver of the car, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter and held in the county jail.

Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Merich, was enroute home from the grade school in Three Oaks, part of the River Valley school district, when the accident occurred about 3:25 p.m.

The death was the second tragedy in the family in two months. On Sept. 20, Brian's brother, Dennis, 18, was found hanging in a garage at the family residence. His death was ruled a suicide.

The fatality raised Berrien county's 1972 highway death toll to 56 so far this year, four over the total for all of last year.

Police said the River Valley school bus, driven by Barbara Donner, 32, of Three Oaks, was westbound and had stopped on

the north side of the highway in front of the Merich home about 1½ mile west of Three Oaks.

After the youth got off, police said he started to cross the highway in front of the bus when he was hit by a westbound car.

Brian was born in Hammond, Ind., March 24, 1961, the son of George and Lillian McDermott

56 Auto Deaths In Berrien County In 1972

Merich, and had lived in this area for five years coming from Dalton, Ill. He was a member of the New Buffalo Bible Baptist church.

In addition to his parents, survivors include two brothers, George and Craig at home and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ethel McDermott of Atlantic City, N.J.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Connelly-Noble funeral home.



BRIAN MERICH
Killed crossing road



LINDA ACKER
Driver arrested

Accused Slayer To Stand Trial

BY LYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau

NILES — A Detroit man accused of murder in the death of a state police officer here was bound over to Berrien circuit court to stand trial by the district court here yesterday.

The decision came at the end of a 3½ day preliminary hearing for Kenneth Eugene Oliver, 32, charged with murder and committing murder during perpetration of a robbery in the slaying of Trooper Steven B. DeVries on Oct. 12.

DeVries was slain on the US-

12 bypass just outside of Niles a short time after a branch of the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan was robbed of \$38,723 by a lone gunman.

The preliminary hearing was to determine if there was probable cause to believe Oliver should be tried on the two charges in circuit court.

Judge John Iwaniak ruled in making his decision, that Oliver, charged with the trial murder and committing murder for Oliver despite a request for it by Oliver's court-appointed attorney, James Jesse.

During the hearing, the prosecution called 17 witnesses

and contended that the slaying occurred during the escape from the bank robbery. Atty. John Smietanka, assistant Berrien prosecutor, presented the prosecution's case.

The hearing began Nov. 8 and continued through Nov. 10, before being recessed until

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PRINCESS FACES CHARGES: Britain's Princess Anne, shown here in 1969 file photo behind wheel of car, is waiting to hear whether she will face charges for alleged speeding offense on the M1 Motorway (expressway) near London Saturday. A Thames Valley police spokesman said Wednesday night that the incident was the second this month in which she had been stopped by a patrol car for having exceeded the speed limit. (AP Wirephoto)

North Vietnam Rejects Changes In Peace Pact

PARIS (AP) — A new round of secret Vietnam peace negotiations was imminent today, but North Vietnam in advance rejected any changes in the draft cease-fire agreement worked out by Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho of the

North Vietnamese Politburo. Xuan Thuy, the chief of North Vietnam's delegation in Paris, told the weekly session of the semipublic peace talks: "We resolutely reject all the pretexts put forth by the United States and Saigon to demand

modification of the substance of the agreement."

He repeated Hanoi's persistent demand that the United States "immediately sign the agreement."

The chief modification demanded by Saigon, a provision

calling for the withdrawal of all North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam, was repeated today by South Vietnam's representative at the session, Nguyen Xuan Phong.

Phong told newsmen as he

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Watch for our special Mom's Apple Pie at Thanksgiving menu. Captain's Shadowland, Saturday, Table. Adv. November 25. Adv.

\$595 Watch For \$20 Isn't Worth It

It may sound a little too obvious, but if someone offers to sell you a new \$595 watch for about \$20, be wary.

That was the warning issued this morning by detectives from the Berrien sheriff's department.

Detectives said a black male, in his thirties, booked himself into the county jail last night as a sleeper to stay overnight. He left his property at the booking desk, and the property included five watches.

The watches, in brown cases, carry a price tag of \$595, and appear to be OMEGA brand electric watches.

But actually the watches are a brand called CIMEGA. The name is on the watch, but the hands are set so the

hour hand covers part of the 'C' and all of the 'I', giving the impression of OMEGA.

According to detectives, the man had a receipt for the watches showing he paid \$6.25 apiece for them from a Chicago firm. The watches are also said to contain 36 "diamonds." Genuine Omegas retail from about \$100 to \$1,000.

Detectives are warning Twin Cities area residents to be wary of the salesman, because he had to be released since there was no charge against him. Officers also said they must return the watches to the man as they have no cause to confiscate them.



ATTORNEYS CONFER: Defense and prosecuting attorneys involved in the preliminary examination of Kenneth Eugene Oliver, charged with killing State Police Trooper Steven B. DeVries of Niles, confer on defense motion to set bond, which was denied after

Oliver was bound over to stand trial in circuit court. Left to right are: John Smietanka, assistant prosecutor; Ronald Taylor, county prosecutor; James Jesse, defense counsel, and Maurice Nelson, assistant prosecutor. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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So Dow Jones Topped Out At 1,000

Take it from the Wall Street Journal which is owned by Dow Jones & Company, Inc., which also publishes the Dow Jones industrial index of the New York Stock Exchange, it's heartening that the index went over the 1,000 level Tuesday for the first time in history, but there's still a lot of history yet to be made.

Also the Journal agrees with the savvy traders that the indexes computed by the Exchange itself and by Standard & Poor, a leading securities rating service, could be more illuminating than Dow Jones since the latter derive their averages from a much broader spectrum of stock transactions.

These Doubting Thomas reservations to the contrary, there's no question those who follow the market like others who pour through Racing Forum and people in the investment field pay homage regularly to DJ.

It is the grandpappy of all the indexes and its ups and downs fairly well predict what's behind the sunrise.

It all began back in 1884 when Charles H. Dow and Edward D. Jones who ran a two by twice brokerage house first issued a summary of what 11 representative stocks did on July 3d of that year. Dow himself selected the stocks, nine railroad issues, Western Union and Pacific Mail Steamship. These were the big boys of their day.

The partners mailed out their reports intermittently for the next five years. Their newspaper, the Journal, took over the publication function in 1889, still on a random reporting. In 1896 it began the daily publishing which has been a standby ever since.

All things come and go as the years tick off the calendar and today the DJ is drawn from the trading on what its experts rate currently as the 30 representative industrial stocks.

The terms, representative and industrial, are open to some explanation because some of the component firms are

basically in retailing and many of them retail their production directly to the consumer rather than funnel their output through an intermediary channel.

The magic 30 are Allied Chemical, Alcoa, American Brands (formerly American Tobacco), American Can, AT&T, Anaconda, Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, Du Pont, Exxon (formerly Standard Oil of New Jersey), General Electric, General Foods, General Motors, Goodyear, International Harvester, International Nickel, International Paper, Johns-Manville, Owens-Illinois, Proctor & Gamble, Sears-Roebuck, Standard Oil of California, Swift, Texaco, Union Carbide, United Aircraft, U.S. Steel, Westinghouse Electric and Woolworth.

Only a few of today's list can trace their ancestry back to the first DJ report and the original selections long ago fell by the wayside.

The DJ people rest their appraisal base on companies whose stocks have a broad ownership and a comparatively stable market (that is, they don't fly up and dip down like the glamor issues) and whose business fits closely into overall economic trends.

The Standard & Poor and the Stock Exchange indexes draw from a larger number of companies (425 by S&P for example). This necessarily scans DJ's major competitors and includes some faster pacers, marketwise, such as IBM.

The market came close in 1966 and again in 1968 to hitting the magic 1,000 mark and on each occasion ran out of breath. During one or two days in the '66 trading it fluttered at 1,000 but failed to close at that figure.

Tuesday's strike of 1003.16 caused the floor traders in all exchanges to pop out with the champagne.

Just because DJ hit the bull's eye it doesn't mean everybody did. In Tuesday's trading 922 stocks went up on the big board and 559 slipped back.

Nor does it mean all 30 of the blue chips moved in the same pattern.

In May of 1970 the market, per DJ, was slogging along in the 630 range.

Between then and Tuesday, the DJ averaged up 59 per cent. However, the quotes for Eastman Kodak, Proctor & Gamble and Sears-Roebuck have risen 125 per cent, while American Can, Anaconda and General Foods are off 10 per cent.

The mathematical input to Dow Jones delivers an output comparison.

Tuesday's closing prices on the 30 blue chips multiplied by the outstanding shares in each company and then added together are worth in grand total 59 per cent more than they were in May, 1970.

If the reader owns Sears, he can tell himself he is twice beyond Dow Jones and if he has some General Foods in the lock box he's in a catchup situation.

It took DJ 60 years to hit 500 and better than 16 more to make Tuesday's breakthrough.

Inbetween it plummeted to a low of 41.22 on July 8, 1932 and has zigged and zagged in all directions as the fortunes of business have shifted.

A 1,000 is great, no question about it, and most everyone, the Commies and hippies excluded, hopes to see Dow Jones move on and upward from there.

The important thing, though, the factor behind Dow Jones or any index, is the economy in general.

Only as it shows vigor can anyone really borrow on the cigarette slogan which goes, "You've come a long way, baby."

A Time Of Danger

A time of year dreaded by those who keep track of traffic fatalities is at hand. The hours of darkness grow longer. Visibility is at its worst during morning and evening periods when many children are on their way to and from school and the volume of pedestrian traffic generally is at a peak.

Inclement weather also adds to the hazards.

Stepped up police enforcement campaigns are planned and they should be of assistance in preventing needless holiday loss of life during the fast-approaching festive season.

There is no substitute for each individual motorist making it his business to remember at all times that one moment's lapse in good driving habits can bring tragedy not only to others, but to himself.

Back Seat Drivers



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BEN FRANKLIN STORE WILL OPEN SUNDAY

— 1 Year Ago —

Ben Franklin Family Center, a 30,000 square foot building with 10,000 different items for everyone in the family, opens 10 a.m. Sunday.

The new store is located on Hilltop road at Washington avenue in south St. Joseph next to Hilltop Foods. Nearly 100 members of the staff have been fitting out the new store this

week for its opening.

JOAN MOLTER NEW CASEWORKER

— 10 Years Ago —

A new caseworker for the Michigan Children's Aid Society, Southwestern Michigan branch, is Miss Joan Molter of Watervliet. Her office is in the Chapin Hall building, 2000 South State street.

Miss Molter, a graduate of Eau Claire high school, attended Community college for

a year and a half. She received her bachelor of science in social science from Western Michigan university in 1960. Her minors were in psychology and social work. Her work includes making studies of foster homes and supervision of child placement in boarding homes.

ZHITOMIRE FALLS TO REDS

— 29 Years Ago —

Russian troops have driven within 12-mile artillery range of the Odessa-Leningrad railroad in their wide breakthrough toward Poland and Rumania, and advanced Cossacks are reported operating in the immediate vicinity of Zhitomire, junction on the communication line.

Latest official Russian reports placed the main force of Gen. Vatutin's First Ukrainian army within 15 miles of Zhitomire, having passed Korohtyshev, last important town on the way to Odessa-Leningrad railroads.

ON HUNTING TRIP

— 38 Years Ago —

Carl Bishop, Ted Marutz and Herman Stark left last night for a week's deer hunting at Mio, in the northern part of the state. It is the first deer hunting trip for this trio.

ATTEND CONVENTION

— 49 Years Ago —

Howard Olson, John Swigert and Charles Cameron left today for Battle Creek to attend the fourth district convention of the American Legion, to be held at the Legion hospital at Camp Custer.

AWARDED CONTRACT

— 59 Years Ago —

Andrew Eppie has been awarded the contract to install the plumbing system in the residence to be built by George Holloway in Sawyer.

RECEIVE HORSES

— 81 Years Ago —

The steamer Bradshaw brought two horses over from Chicago this morning to Herring brothers.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Henry Kissinger, on behalf of the team, I would like to present you with the 'game ball'!"

Bruce Blossat

Candidate Doesn't Have To Be Loved



WASHINGTON (NEA) — The numerical proportions of President Nixon's re-election victory have been reported only in broad brush strokes by our friends in television-land and elsewhere. They deserve fuller, more exact accounting, so here goes.

Since only about two per cent of the nation's precincts haven't been heard from, most of what we now have will stand up — at least until the official canvass comes out in December.

First off, Mr. Nixon's nationwide margin over Sen. George McGovern is just a bit short of 17.5 million, comfortably beating Lyndon Johnson's slightly less than 16 million over Barry Goldwater.

What is even more astonishing, and what we have heard too little of from any source other than the somewhat indigestible wire service tabulations, is the internal anatomy of Mr. Nixon's triumph.

First off, in taking 49 of the 50 states, he won 10 by margins of 70 per cent or more, his highest being 79 per cent in Mississippi. Johnson passed the 70 per cent mark in just three states, including tiny Rhode Island and Hawaii.

Next, Mr. Nixon won 26 states, more than half the country's total, by percentage margins between 60 and 70. In that list of 26 were five of the country's 10 most populous states — Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and New Jersey. New York missed getting into that category by just a point. Another in the top 10, Florida, was on that 70 per cent roster.

Johnson's 1964 performance gave him 22 states in the 60 to 70 per cent range.

Mr. Nixon took another nine states by percentage margins of 55 to 60 — a range still generally to be considered "landslide." These included, of course, huge New York with 59 per cent, Connecticut at the same level, Iowa with 58 per cent, Michigan 57 and California 56.

So, Mr. Nixon won 45 of his 49 states by proportions ranging from landslide to avalanche. He took four states — New York, California, Texas and Florida — by one million votes or more.

His only close shaves came in Wisconsin (54 per cent), Rhode Island (54), Oregon (53) and Minnesota (52). Rhode Island usually is preponderantly Democratic, Minnesota always tough for Republicans.

In his only losing state, Massachusetts, Mr. Nixon still got 45 per cent. His one poor showing was in heavily black District of Columbia, where he got just 21 per cent to McGovern's 79.

You can say several things quickly about the President's showing. It obviously was without precedent. Pollster George Gallup called it almost on the nose. As with Johnson in 1964, it knocks silly the idea a candidate has to be "loved" to score a sweep.

When you look at the eight most populous northern states, you find that as has been true from 1948 on — they tend to vote in a common pattern. Except, that is, for heavily Democratic Massachusetts.

Jeffrey Hutt

Catholic Radicals

Losing Voices

As 1972 moves toward its closing weeks, one reflects that a palpable lesion of energy seems to have occurred in the counter-culture that emerged in the mid-1960s. Hardly anyone any more, even among undergraduates, seems to view the world through blue-tinted spectacles, and the whole spirit of the thing seems to have subsided, the Savios, Rudds, Marcuses, and Hoffmans gone with the snows of yesteryear and George McGovern.

But if the New Left counter-culture has evanesced, can the Catholic radicalism of the 1960s be far behind? — always allowing, of course, for some cultural lag. Because the two phenomena were remarkably parallel, and undoubtedly related.

In its spirit, the 60s Catholic radicalism, despite all its talk about democracy and the role of laity, was like the New Left, relentlessly elitist.

When Daniel Berrigan remarks, almost offhandedly, that "it is almost impossible to administer the sacraments according to the intention of Christ without breaking the law

of the Church," he is doing a number of things. He is, in effect, issuing yet another "non-negotiable demand," in this case directed at the existing Church. He is claiming direct personal knowledge, denied to the Church Fathers and generations of theologians, about the "intentions of Christ." And he is, at a stroke, declaring invalid the sacraments received by hundreds of millions of people for a couple of thousand years. The basis for Berrigan's claims here are by no means clear.

Anselm Atkins, another 60s guru, speaks scornfully of 500 million Catholics happy in their "folk religion" and "medievalism." He calls the ordinary Catholic a "superstitious, religious caterpillar." Similarly, another "progressive" authority, John O'Connor, considers his fellow Catholics a "herd." Msgr. Charles O. Rice thinks many — most? — Catholics should be allowed to drop out of the Church in order to purify it of "bigotry" and "militarism."

And, you might suspect, the secular counter-culture and the Catholic radicalism of the 60s had similar sociological roots. Both were rooted on the campus and in the affluent suburb; both, it is evident, were the expression of a "new class" of progressive suburbanites and restless students and seminarians bidding for power and prestige at the expense of more established groups and institutions.

The Archdiocese of Detroit, for example, conducted a "feasibility study" for a national pastoral council that would exercise power at the expense of the hierarchy. Finding the "spirit of renewal" far from widespread, its author, a Dr. Deegan, projected a council which would be "representative" but not — heh, heh, heh, — "democratic." Sometimes — heh, heh, heh — it might "even have to go counter to the 'grassroots' wishes if that popular opinion is, unchristian."

You almost feel that you're back at the Democratic National Convention.

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BH School Leads New Trend In Special Education

Sterne Brunson Program Serves As Model For Future

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Nearly every class has a few students with learning or behavior problems. Special education classes have been created for these students.

This may change under a new trend in Michigan education circles: Create programs for these children in regular classrooms, rather than in special classes.

The trend is covered by a title, Operation Impact, with impact standing for Instructional Model Program for All Children and Teachers.

Sterne Brunson elementary school in the Benton Harbor district is a base for Operation Impact, started last year with a \$105,000 federal Title III grant, and now in its second year, back by a grant reported at \$90,000.

The grants cover the cost of regular teachers, substitute teachers, renovating to accommodate the program and classroom materials.

How well has the new approach worked? It's hard to get improvement figures, especially on first and second graders now in the program, but plans call for an application to secure a third year grant.

Mrs. Marge Peterson of the Berrien county intermediate school district, who serves as workshop consultant for the program at Sterne Brunson, presented some statistical data.

The program started with about 50 students in one first and one second grade class at Sterne Brunson. The emphasis was placed on learning by doing. For instance, a child picks up two apples and tries to decide which is heavier. Scales pinpoint the accuracy of the decision.

Teachers keep records, using a host of forms. These include assessment pacts to record abilities in reading, math, language, coordination and behavior.

Hand in hand with this are workshops and visits to Sterne Brunson by teachers from other schools. The new trend apparently is expanding, according to Mrs. Peterson.

Eighty-five teachers from every school district in Berrien county, and two parochial schools, have been served at Sterne Brunson.

They participate in the Impact program in their own classrooms, after watching students at Sterne Brunson through cloakrooms, altered to include one-way viewing windows. They also attend workshops. Mrs. Peterson named Christ Lutheran church and the Andrews university laboratory school as the non-public schools participating and said she's glad to see acceptance outside public schools.

The last six-week workshop ended Monday. It served 45 teachers. The workshop session last year handled 40 teachers.

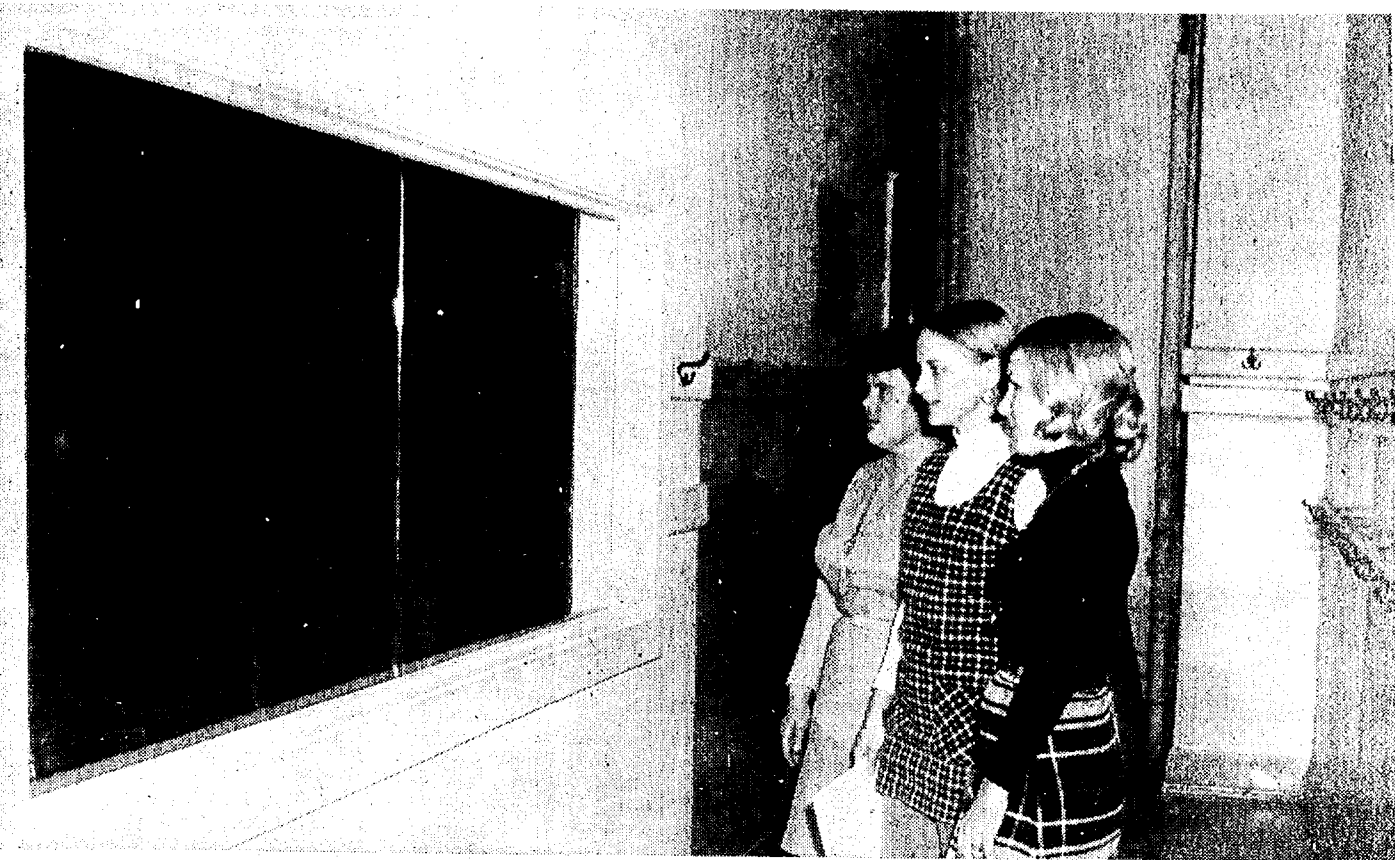
Now, Mrs. Peterson and Jack Stiefel, another intermediate school district staffer, will follow-up the workshops. Their job will be to visit classes taught by those who attended the workshops. More advice will be offered, along with whatever assistance is needed. An evaluation also is to be made.

This will take until about February. The state department of education also evaluates, and findings will determine future grants, Mrs. Peterson said.

She added that while first and second grades are being used now, the program, if continued, could expand to other elementary grades. Mrs. Peterson said Dr. John Porter, state superintendent of public instruction, is an advocate of the trend toward keeping problem students in regular classrooms.

Operation Impact is headed here by Dr. Gerhard Carlson, school psychologist for the Berrien intermediate district. He reported earlier that the federal funds are administered by the state department of education, while the intermediate district carried out the program. The Benton Harbor district sought the funds and was one of 20 over Michigan approved. Applications reportedly were submitted by 60 districts.

While the workshops have ended and the follow-up work is underway, classes under Operation Impact are continuing daily until the end of the school year.



CLOAKROOM WATCH: Cloakroom at Sterne Brunson school, Benton Harbor, has been altered to include one-way window. Visiting teachers can see students in adjacent Operation Impact class without being visible to students. Shown from left, are, Carol Momany, second grade

teacher aide; Cindy Lafkas, second grade teacher; and Marge Peterson, workshop coordinator, employed by Berrien county intermediate district. (Staff photo)

College President To Speak

Rotary To Hear
Dr. Rainsford

Dr. George N. Rainsford, president of Kalamazoo college, will speak on "The Role of the Private College in Higher Education" at the Monday luncheon meeting of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary club scheduled for noon at the St. Joseph Elks.

Dr. Rainsford, a nationally recognized educator who took office at Kalamazoo Jan. 1 of this year and was officially inaugurated in May, will also meet with alumni of the college at a special brunch set for noon Sunday at Win Schuler's and later at a reception hosted by college trustee David Upton and his wife.

The committee organizing Dr. Rainsford's two-day visit to the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area is headed by Attorney Theodore E. Troff of St. Joseph



DR. GEORGE RAINSFORD
Kalamazoo College President

and includes, in addition to Upton, Mrs. Walter Laetz and Mrs. Herman Robandt of St. Joseph and Forrest S. Pearson and Lawrence Kurth of Benton Harbor. All are alumni of Kalamazoo college, except for Upton who has served as a trustee since 1968.

In addition to his public address and alumni meetings, Dr. Rainsford will meet with local educators, businessmen and church representatives.

Dr. Rainsford is the 13th president in the 138-year history of Kalamazoo college.

New Site For Berrien GOP

The meeting place for the post-election convention of the Berrien county Republican party tonight has been changed, according to County Chairman F.A. (Mike) Jones.

The site has been changed from the Berrien Springs high school to the nearby Berrien Springs Mars elementary school. Starting time remains at 8 p.m.

Delegates named at the presidential primary in May will select 23 members to the executive committee, as the only scheduled item of business.



SHEPHERD AND LAB: These puppies awaiting adoption at Berrien Humane Society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, Benton township, believe they're part German Shepherd and part Labrador. Regardless of ancestry, they vow to be faithful pets if placed in good homes. (Staff photo)

Retirement Center

Whitcomb To Open Jan. 15

Whitcomb Tower, the Michigan Baptist Homes' retirement center will open about Jan. 15, Lee Trumble, secretary, told Benton Harbor Lions at Inman's Wednesday.

The St. Joseph facility, the former Whitcomb hotel, is one

in a hundred. He explained he travels extensively inspecting old hotels with an eye on how they can be converted into retirement centers. About one in a hundred can be converted into a retirement facility such as is being done with the

Whitcomb structure. The rest might just as well be knocked down.

It would cost, he estimated, about \$6 million to replace the Whitcomb with comparative retirement living space. The site, overlooking Lake Michigan and convenient to shopping and other services, is exceptional, he said. Trumble was one of the organizers of the Michigan Baptist Homes in 1964 and at present is coordinator and secretary.

The Baptists as developers have torn out walls to make 20 by 20-foot living units which are the most popular suite sizes. All the doors, plumbing and wiring have been replaced. He praised highly the electric heat system.

The Whitcomb dining room, the former Tropical room and the parlor will be retained. Synthetic turf will be installed on the elevated sections and the old chandeliers relung. The original wall planning will be restored in the parlor which will be converted into a game room and television viewing location. The dining room will retain its former in both surroundings and service.

Meals will be served in the center, Trumble said, as part of the "tender loving care" the home will specialize.

No one wants to leave his established home, Trumble said, but when they do it's because of a problem—either because of difficulty of maintaining it, because of the loss of a spouse, health problems or any number of other reasons. Thus the retirement center residents have a problem the management must be ready to solve. That in brief is the reason for the success of the original centers opened earlier, he said.

He estimated that in about a year after the center is in operation that the Baptists will be back to build a nursing home to complete the retirement project.

Trumble was introduced by Ron Ravitch, program chairman.



LEE TRUMBLE
Whitcomb Development

Paw Paw River Sewer Project Given Extension

WATERLIET — A seven-month extension of the deadline for completing the Paw Paw river area sewer line project, part of a \$12 million area sewer system here, was approved by the Paw Paw Lake Area planning commission last night.

The action is subject to review by the Berrien county public works board which is involved in project planning and financing.

A spokesman for the project's engineering firm said the extension was required because adverse weather conditions and the high level of the river had delayed work.

The original completion date had been Dec. 1. Under the extension the work is to be done now by July 1. Woodruff and Sons of Michigan City, Ind., are general contractors on the project.

BH School Board Files Tavern Suit

The Benton Harbor area school district has filed suit in Berrien circuit court seeking revocation of a liquor license issued to the Kabaret Lounge, 1698 East Britain avenue, across from Boynton elementary school in Benton township.

In the suit, the school district contends the liquor license was denied twice in 1971 and finally granted last May, but "at no time did the schools receive notice of reconsideration, investigation or calling up of the application."

The school district objects to location of a tavern within 500 feet of a school as a matter of general policy and claims the only notice ever received was when application for the license was first made with the Michigan Liquor Control commission.

The suit asks for a court order setting aside the decision to authorize issuance of the license, revocation of the license, or as an alternative allowing the school district to file objections at a rehearing. Herman and Barbara Kent filed for transfer of a liquor license from 1015 Territorial

road, Benton Harbor, to 1698 East Britain avenue in 1970 and the license was issued last August 23.

The school district sought to file objections six days later but the petition was denied on grounds that the objections were "untimely."

The liquor control commission said it issued the license after a neighborhood survey revealed 73 per cent of surrounding residents approved granting the license transfer and on the basis of

recommendations by the Benton township board of supervisors and police department.

The liquor control commission also noted that it has the power to waive the act prohibiting issuance of a liquor license within 500 feet of a school or church. Boynton school is 140 feet from the Kabaret Lounge according to the suit.

The school district is represented by Atty. Stephen C. Small.

Deadline Dec. 1 For BH Voters To Sign Up For Charter Election

Benton Harbor residents have only until Friday, Dec. 1, to register to vote, if they are not now registered and want to ballot in the forthcoming special city charter commission election.

City Clerk Evelyn Grenawitzke said the time period for voter registration is short (barely two weeks) because the deadline must fall the fifth Friday before the election.

The special election has been set for Friday, Jan. 5,

1973, pending approval by the county election commission.

It was reported at last Monday's city commission meeting that charter candidates have until Saturday, Dec. 9, to file petitions. The nine top vote-getters will serve on the commission to revise the city charter. Residents will accept or reject the revisions at another future election.

Blind Students Get Aid In New LMC Program

Blind and limited vision students at Lake Michigan college now are offered assistance in their academic work through a new service provided by the college's reading improvement center.

Under guidance of Arthur J. Batchelder, center director, nine LMC volunteer students are available to prepare taped readings of current literature and materials assigned by instructors that can be obtained locally.

In addition, tapes and records of currently used standard college textbooks can be obtained for use through the Michigan State library in conjunction with the LMC library.

Batchelder said one blind student is enrolled at LMC and there are others with major sight handicaps.

The students who have volunteered to perform the taped readings include Robert VanArkle, St. Joseph; Joe Pantelleria and Mrs. Ella Ashbrook, both of Stevensville; Ed Beitzel and Mrs. Betty Lutz, both of Berrien Springs; Michael Frazee and Paul Smith of Benton Harbor; Rick Kennedy of Coloma; and Ron Oliver of South Haven.



First Deaths Of Deer, Men Are Reported

*Light Turnout Of Hunters
Attributed To Ban
On Doe Permits*

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The first deaths and the first bucks were reported Wednesday with the opening of Michigan's firearms deer season. First hunter to die was Joseph Papaneec, 40, of Potterville, at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday

in Eaton Township, Eaton County. Papaneec was sitting on a deer trail in a white camouflage suit, police said. He was shot by another hunter trailing a wounded deer.

Less than two hours after the season opened, John Stephan, 69, of Port Huron collapsed and died of a heart attack about 8:30 a.m. in Raber Township, about 30 miles southeast of Sault Ste Marie.

From the northern Lower Peninsula, the Roscommon office of the Natural Resources Department reported one early successful hunter was Royce Simmons of Cadillac, who shot a seven point buck at 7:45 a.m. Six animals, all bucks, were checked in at the Cadillac office by 10:30 a.m.

In Camden, Hillsdale County, John Wert did it the easy way. Wert, 15, hunting for the first time, shot his deer on his home farm within 15 minutes and reported the deer just walked up to him.

The weather was reported cool, cold and crisp in the northern lower Peninsula with the sun coming out about mid-morning. Hunting pressure was normal to more than usual in the Cadillac and Gladwin areas and lighter than usual in the Gaylord and Mio areas.

The kill was reported at about normal to light. There were 196 violations even before the season started, mostly for swinging uncased guns and taking illegal deer.

Higher hunting pressure was expected this weekend.

The Upper Peninsula office at Marquette said hunting pressure was less than last year and conditions were fair to good with temperatures in the 20's. There was no snow except for an inch of light snow in the western area.

There were 76 hunters arrested for violations, about the same as last year.

Hunters Are Killed In Crash

MIO, Mich. (AP) — A pair of Melvindale men, heading north to hunt deer, were killed early today as they attempted to turn their car off Michigan 33, according to Oscoda County sheriff's deputies.

Killed were William Kean, 46, the driver, and Dennis Wong, 28.

Officials said the car containing the two turned into the southbound lane before traffic had cleared and was struck broadside by an oncoming car.



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT
JUSTICE-ELECT MARY COLEMAN

Lady Judge Ready With New Broom

*Coleman For Changing
Liberal Attitude On
Supreme Court*

By QUANE KENYON
Associated Press Writer

MARSHALL, Mich. (AP) — Raven-haired Mary Coleman shattered 135 years of tradition by winning election as the first woman member of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Now, she says she faces an even more important battle: stemming a flow of extremely liberal decisions by the high court which she says have many of the state's lawyers and judges up in arms.

Along with Judge Charles Levin of Detroit, a member of the Court of Appeals, she will be seated on the state's highest court in January, joining five holdover members. The two topped a field of nine candidates in last week's election.

Of the present judges, Mrs. Coleman says, "I know all of them very well. Their philosophies may be different but I expect to have no trouble remaining on a friendly basis with them. Whether they will accept my point of view ..."

Since she creates the instant impression of a woman of unfailing courtesy and politeness toward newsmen, friends, staff and political foes alike, it's difficult to get the new justice to say anything critical about individual members of the court.

Yet she lets it be known she's highly disturbed about some recent decisions of the high court, considered one of the most liberal in the country.

She says a decision that threw a cloud over revenue bond issues across the state was "totally unnecessary" and a ruling concerning the rights of juveniles in criminal cases "doesn't make sense."

"A lot of people who urged me to run said they have been distressed by recent rulings from the court," she said. "Undoubtedly, that played a big factor in my winning the election. Perhaps they (the holdover justices) will accept this election as an indication that the public is not happy with the course of their recent decisions."

Despite the challenge of a new job, she says it is with mixed emotions that she prepares to end 11 years as Calhoun County Probate and Juvenile Court Judge.

"I've loved what I have done for the past 11 years," she says. "I feel that I have given up a 'people' court for what is practically a 'paper' court. I enjoy meeting and dealing with people."

"But I feel decisions from the supreme court will have much to do with the future of probate courts. With recent decisions, we have seen an eroding away of the juvenile court philosophy which is what I believe in so strongly. Given a chance, it will work," she says.

"Some people don't like some part of juvenile court so they want to do away with the entire thing. I believe in separate treatment of children from adults. When they are handled in the same court as adults, children are just lost and we're back where we were at the turn of the century."

She hopes to be sworn in by her husband, Creighton, Calhoun County Circuit Court Judge for the past 14 years. "He swore me in as probate judge when I was first elected," Mrs. Coleman says. "He's been a great source of strength throughout. He's supported me in every way."

But first she has two big tasks to finish. One is clearing up pending cases before turning her job over to a successor to be appointed by Gov. William Milliken. "Some of them are so tangled I wouldn't leave them for anyone," she says.

Then there are several huge sacks of mail she's determined to get answered before she takes her seat on the Supreme Court. "I was surprised at how the mail and telegrams poured in after I was elected. There were hundreds and hundreds of them ... I've been working nights trying to give a personal answer to every one but it looks like I'm going to have to hire someone to help me with it," she says.

She says she was particularly pleased by one from a stranger, a Royal Oak attorney. "You know about

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NO PASSAGE: Strong winds that brought heavy snow Monday caused the Galien river to rise in New Buffalo, forcing the closing of the Whittaker street bridge. It was reopened yesterday afternoon, a few hours after the above photos were taken. Lower photo shows water over

Whittaker street, just beyond the bridge. The bridge closing forced residents living along Lake Michigan to detour through Union Pier. State police said they received no reports of property damage as a result of the high waters. (Don Wehner photos)



HIGH AND DRY: The George Behner home on Red Arrow highway north of New Buffalo yesterday stood high and dry as waters from the nearby Galien river slopped over their banks and invaded low-lying land areas around the house. The family was able to continue use of the

driveway, marked in the photo by a wooden fence. High northeast winds forced waves into the mouth of the Galien river, further south in New Buffalo, and caused the river to back up. (Don Wehner photo)

Called Big Money Saver

Judges Want Court Administrator

BY BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

Berrien circuit court judges have recommended that the county hire a court administrator to streamline court record procedures and promote disposal of cases.

In the recommendation, Judge Chester J. Byrns, presiding circuit judge, said "we think the post is one that is badly needed considering the complexities of administration brought about by the tremendous number of cases both civil and criminal filed in the various courts of this county." Judges Julian Hughes and William S. White also sit on the circuit bench.

Judge Byrns noted that a number of courts in Michigan have a court administrator and they report that the administrator achieves savings far in excess of his salary.

Berrien is a large circuit with an ever increasing amount of judicial business in all courts and a court administrator would

be able to help improve paperwork and assignment of cases in circuit, district, probate and juvenile courts, Byrns said.

The last two decades have seen great improvements in office administration but the "courts haven't realized it," Byrns explained. Industry has installed more sophisticated office machinery, he added.

Byrns said a court administrator could add modern equipment such as computers, put records on microfilm, simplify court forms and oversee court assignments.

Chief Justice Warren Burger of the U.S. Supreme Court has pointed out that administration must be improved if the courts are to meet their growing docket of cases, Byrns remarked. Chief Justice Thomas Kavanagh of the Michigan Supreme Court has also noted that courts can be operated more efficiently through improved administration, he said.

The recommendation must go through several committees before reaching the Berrien board of commissioners.

Kalamazoo, Washtenaw, Kent and Genesee are among the state circuits with a court administrator.

The duties of the post would include: assignment of cases between the judges of the various courts to promote expedition of pending cases; compiling and reporting the activities of the county courts for the circuit and supreme court; simplification of filing, reporting and docketing procedures; supervision of accounting and budgeting of the courts, including advanced systems of accounting and auditing.

Other functions would be: coordinating relations between the county courts; coordinating the work of the court with the prosecutor, county commissioners, friend of the court, probation department and bondsmen; and developing systems to increase efficiency and reduce expenditures.

Byrns said the court administrator would have completed the six-week course at the Institute for court management in Denver, Colo. He would not be involved in judicial decisions, Byrns explained.